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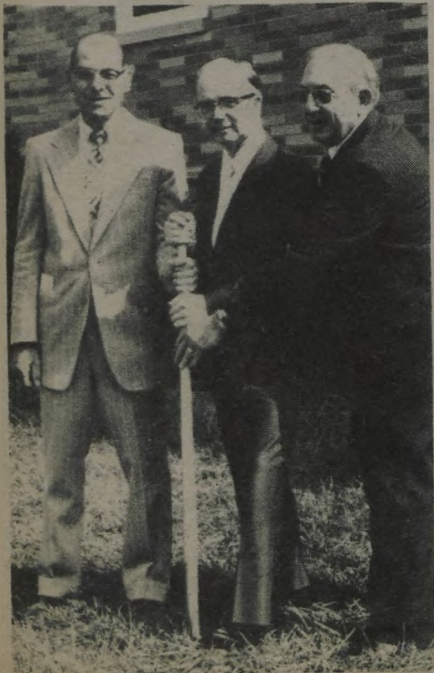
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And They Continue To Grow And Grow And Grow!



(l. to r.) Murray Collier (contractor), Pastor Globig and Ed Messerall (Bldg. Comm. member)

Bible Baptist Church, North Madison began its 4th building program in 19 years with a groundbreaking ceremony on Sunday, September 19, at the close of the Morning Worship Service. The church is adding 15,000 square feet of floor space to the present building which was built in 1965. The \$425,000 addition will include a new 500 seat auditorium, a foyer/overflow area to seat an additional 150, new nursery facilities, church office, restrooms, multi-purpose room, and additional classrooms, as well as air conditioning of the new facilities. The present auditorium will be renovated to provide a library/conference room and new study for the associate pastor.

Murray Collier, member of the Calvary Baptist Church in Painesville, is the general contractor, with completion scheduled for June 1977. A new paved parking area and ramp entrance for the handicapped is also anticipated.

In 1957 the church doubled its facilities in a building program at its former location in North Madison and then in 1965 relocated and built entirely new facilities on West Chapel Road. A new 4-bedroom parsonage was built in 1969. The Church has added a fleet of three buses, including a new 48 passenger school bus to transport children to Mentor Christian School in Mentor and a 15 passenger van. A part-time secretary was added a few years ago and a full-time Youth Pastor, Michael W. Edwards, in June 1975. Pastor Roland P. Globig completed 20 years in North Madison in September, coming there from Albany, Ohio in 1956.

A Great Conference!

The 49th Annual OARBC conference which was held October 18, 19 and 20 proved an inspiration and blessing to all who attended. There was a sweet spirit of unanimity throughout. A goodly number from our churches in northern Ohio made the trip to the Norwood Baptist Church in Cincinnati. Host pastor, Rev. Albert Tassell and his people went "all out" in making folk feel very much at home. They evidenced real southern hospitality! It was a time of great fellowship.

The messages by Dr. John Balyo, Dr. Robert Gromacki and Missionary Gene Bryant were excellent. Special music presented by the host church was of high calibre. Both the Ladies' meeting and the Men's meeting held Tuesday afternoon were most profitable.

Newly elected members to the Council of 12 for our Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches are: Rev. Roy Gibbs (Berea), Rev. Will Davis (Euclid), Rev. Paul Jackson (Cedarville), Rev. Don Winters (Columbus) and Rev. Ben Jennings (Lancaster). These men were elected to serve three years each, however, Brother Jennings for only one year to finish out the term of Dr. Hugh Hall (Bellefontaine) who found it necessary, because of health reasons, to resign from the Council.

A more detailed report concerning the conference with pictures will appear in the DECEMBER issue of THE OHIO INDEPENDENT BAPTIST.

In Memory Of Ted Steed

While "we sorrow not as those who have no hope," the sudden passing of Scioto Hills caretaker, Ted Steed, has left a void for those of us who knew him well. His uncanny ability to keep obsolete equipment working has saved the camp and its supporting churches large sums of money over the past years.

Ted and his wife, Erma, have served the camp and the Lord faithfully over the past eleven years and their lives have been consistent examples to the scores of young people who have passed through Scioto Hills. Ted was a man who cannot be adequately replaced. Though he received a minimal salary, he never shirked a single duty. Arising early in the morning and returning late at night, he was as much a part of Scioto Hills Camp as it was a part of him. The day of his death, he related to the director that he had "never been happier."

Ted was claimed by a heart attack late at night during the final week of the summer program. His passing made each of us at camp aware of how much work he was putting in daily because he loved the Lord and the camp.

The trustees of Scioto Hills have voted to develop a new chapel overlooking the lake in honor of Ted. The Ted Steed Memorial Chapel will be begun as soon as funds for the project are available. Anyone wishing to contribute should contact Board Chairman, Rev. George Hattenfield, Clintonville Baptist Church, 35 Oakland Park Avenue, Columbus, Ohio - 43214.

Sunday School Attendance reached a new high of 343 this spring with a high monthly average of 291 in May. An active AWANA program is conducted weekly for boys in grades 5-8 and girls in grades 3-8.

To Undergo Heart Surgery

Dr. Hugh T. Hall, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church in Bellefontaine, Ohio was recently in the University Hospital of Columbus, Ohio for research and heart catheterization.

After a thorough examination, the catheterization revealed significant blockage in three places in the heart arteries (the left side of the heart) and surgery would be necessary in order to restore possible health and activity.

Brother Hall will enter University Hospital on Tuesday, November 16 and will have a triple "By-Pass" heart surgery on Thursday, October 18.

Prayer is requested for Dr. Hall and his wife at this time. Let us look to the Lord to guide the hand of the surgeons and give a full and complete recovery. God is able!

External Improvement Of Portsmouth Church



Part way finished



The completed job!

Temple Baptist Church recently completed an Exterior Improvement Campaign. This project involved "sandblasting" the complete exterior surface of the building. Every window frame was repaired, caulked, and repainted. The original sign which extended over the sidewalk was taken down, completely restored, and mounted on the northwest corner of the building. The name of the church, made of duranodic aluminum letters was mounted over the front entrance. A new dark bronze 4' x 8' back lighted sign made of the same duranodic aluminum was mounted on the northeast corner of the building facing the intersection of Gallia & Waller Streets. Above this sign is a new dark bronze back lighted cross.

Pictured above, we see the "old" and the "new" Temple Baptist Church.

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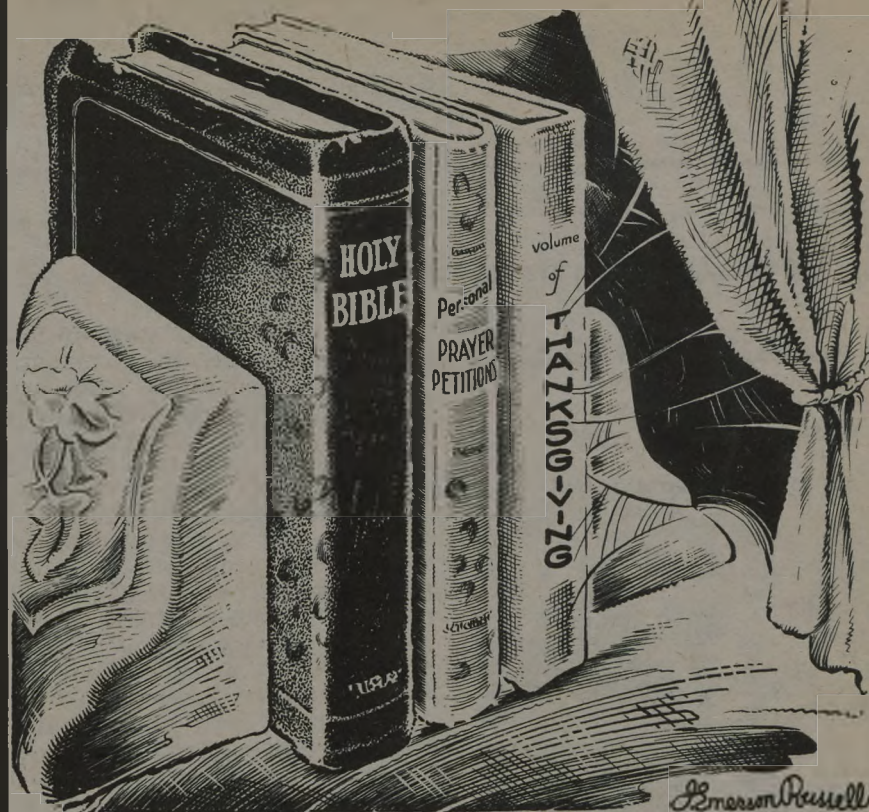
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PROBLEM: Name The Neglected Book

"Come before his presence
with **THANKSGIVING**" (PSA. 95:2).



The Rev. J. Emerson Russell, artist-preacher, and former art director at Cedarville College, is now available for Bible Conferences. He may be addressed at 4 Tecumseh Drive, Chillicothe, Ohio 45601.

O.I.B. Editor's Report

A. Donald Moffat/Editor

September 30, 1976

We began our work as editor of THE OHIO INDEPENDENT BAPTIST January 1, 1966. We are now finishing our eleventh year. During this time, there have been many changes made as to format, circulation, cost and the like.

From the very beginning, our goal has been to have a paper that will help forward our OARBC fellowship. We have tried to keep our people informed concerning our churches, conferences, camps, the work of our State Missionary, our Women's Missionary Societies, our youth programs, our GARBC approved schools, mission societies and social agencies.

Our policy now is to mail the paper to our churches in bundle lots. These are sent FREE. A number of churches have added the O.I.B. to their church budgets. We wish more would do the same. Through the faithful giving on the part of some of our churches plus the money realized through advertising, we are able to report a financial picture that has greatly improved. It is much better than when we worked on a subscription basis.

Approximately 11,000 copies of our periodical are sent forth ten months out of the year. Our JUNE/JULY issue and our AUGUST/SEPTEMBER issue are both one issue each.

We encourage our churches to be more faithful in sending news concerning their activities. Every church should send their Sunday bulletins. From these we are able to gather news for our CALENDAR CLIPPINGS. Some of our churches have yet to appear in this column. Also - when articles are sent - please put them on 8-1/2 x 11 paper, double spaced. Pictures should be black and white if at all possible. The deadline for all materials to appear in the O.I.B. is one month prior to printing. For example, copy for our DECEMBER issue should be in my hands no later than NOVEMBER 1st. Our mailing address is - Don Moffat, Editor, Box 160, Xenia, Ohio - 45385.

Mrs. Moffat and I have travelled far and wide holding special meetings. Since last October, we have ministered in Indiana (2), New York (4), Illinois (3), Ohio (8), Michigan (2), Wisconsin (1), Pennsylvania (1), Arizona (4), and Hawaii (4). We taught Bible at two Family Week conferences - one in New Jersey and the other in Illinois. The Lord blessed in our meetings. . . . for which we praise Him!

We wish to express our appreciation to all who help us in setting up the paper month following month. These are: Mr. Stuart L. Chaffe, Mrs. Earl Umbaugh, Dr. William Brock, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Thompson, Dr. George Lawlor, Rev. Emerson Russell, Rev. V. Ben Kendrick and others. Thanks, too, to every one who prayed and to those who faithfully have sent us materials. The paper truly is a cooperative effort. The better the cooperation -- the better the paper!

Respectfully Submitted,
A. Donald Moffat/Editor - Evangelist

When Is One Backsliding?

If you were ever closer to God than you are right now, you have backslidden! A man doesn't backslide all at once. Usually, it is quite gradual and unnoticed. Here are some telltale signs:

1. HE FORGETS TO READ HIS BIBLE. Previously it had a vital place in his life. Now he cuts himself off from this spiritual nourishment. He is too busy!
2. HE CEASES TO PRAY. No longer does he ask God to help solve his problems, supply wisdom and guidance, bless others and forgive sins. God, being thus ignored, seems farther away.

The Parsonage - A Pastor's Dilemma

A church usually builds a parsonage because it has been a practice of churches to do so for many years. Out of a desire to provide adequate housing for its pastor, a church builds him a home. God's people should be thanked for thinking of their pastor's needs.

But, is a parsonage the best housing for a pastor? Consider it, not from the church's view, but from the pastor's view.

- 1) The pastor is not free to choose his own housing. He must live where the church dictates. Almost everyone else in the church has a choice in type of house, neighborhood, etc.
- 2) The pastor must ask the church for repairs and improvements. Churches are often reluctant to improve the parsonage. Churches are often lax in repairing and maintaining parsonages. Sometimes when the pastor requests improvements, the church feels he is asking for luxury.
- 3) The pastor's salary is figured on the basis of what the parsonage is worth, but he actually never receives that amount. He is occupying a house, but not owning it.
- 4) The failure to buy his own home means an actual loss financially to him. The equity in a house over the last ten years would be at least \$1,000 per year gained in value. Yet, the pastor does not gain this equity as others who own their homes do.
- 5) If the pastor dies suddenly, or by accident, his wife and children are left homeless. Normally the church cannot permit his widow to stay in the parsonage. This places a heavy burden on her.
- 6) When the pastor faces retirement, he has normally no savings gained over the years to buy himself a home for retirement. This is a disadvantage for him.
- 7) Many feel that the parsonage deprives the pastor of adequately providing for his family.
- 8) The trustees of the church have the burden of making repairs on the house. If there is no parsonage, this area of work for them is eliminated.
- 9) While it is cheaper for the church to own a parsonage than to give their pastor a housing allowance, in the long run it is to the church's advantage to know their pastor is happily living in a home of his choice. Short pastorates are discouraged when the pastor owns a home of his own. He will not leave so quickly and seek "greener pastures," especially when troubles are in the church.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, give these things some thought.

... Rev. Loren Schenck

3. HE BEGINS TO CRITICIZE OTHERS. He tries to ease his conscience by making out others are as bad as he. He finds fault with the preacher, criticizes the church leaders and thus he hopes none suspect him of faults.
4. HE NO LONGER FEELS HE SHOULD WIN PEOPLE TO CHRIST. He talks of wasting money on missions. He does not bring others to church because he reasons 'nobody else does'.
5. HE BECOMES IRREGULAR IN ATTENDANCE AT CHURCH. The preacher affords him no comfort in his downward walk so he reasons he gets more satisfaction doing something for others, especially around a 'Sunday dinner'.
6. HE STOPS GIVING. Things have tightened up, so he has to meet his bills. Besides, he isn't going to support the church when it has too much already.

State Missionary Annual Report

Rev. Earl E. Umbaugh

September 30, 1976

- GAHANNA** — An organizational meeting, to start a new church in Gahanna, on the northeast edge of Columbus, was held on Wednesday, September 24, 1975. The first Sunday services were held on October 5th with 32 in attendance at the Huntington Bank. The name Rocky Fork Baptist Church was adopted and Harold Guthrie was extended a call as pastor. As attendance began to grow, different facilities were needed. The church rented their present building at 152 N. High Street with option to buy. The church was fully organized, and had a recognition service on May 25th. It was received into the G.A.R.B.C. at the last Annual meeting and has made application to be received into the O.A.R.B.C. They had a peak attendance of 115 in the morning Worship Service on May 18. These folks had a goal to win 76 people to Christ in 1976 and have already exceeded that goal.
- OXFORD** — Faith Baptist Church started Sunday services on Nov. 2, 1975 with Rev. John Morrow as the pastor. This work started with 6 families making a nucleus of 23 people. One family was transferred to Florida in December but other families have been added. Attendance is running between 35 and 45. During the first nine months of this work, the pastor made 614 calls, the church made 123 canvass calls and 1,025 fliers were distributed. The women conducted a back-yard Bible club ministry in June with an average attendance of 20 at each of the clubs. Two baptismal services have been held, and good progress is being made on the formation of a Constitution and formal organization. A four-day anniversary celebration is planned for November 7-10. The mailing address is 6751 Brookville Road, Oxford, Ohio 45056. The Services are being held in the Knights of Pythias Hall above the Oxford House Restaurant on High Street, downtown Oxford. If any of our OARB churches have young people attending Miami University, please so inform Pastor John Morrow that they might be contacted.
- DELAWARE** — Three families from our Regular Baptist Churches in Ohio moved to Delaware because of employment. Bible study, prayer meeting and planning sessions were held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Noble Weir. Mrs. Weir made several hundred calls finding additional people interested in helping start a new church. Rev. Mark Chandler accepted the call to pastor this new church and has moved to 154 Curtis Street, Delaware. Sunday services were begun under the name of Calvary Baptist Church in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Noble Weir on April 4, 1976, but were soon moved to a medical complex at 1201 North US Rt. 23. The first baptismal service was held at the Berean Baptist Church, Marion on May 9th. New families are being added with a peak attendance of 59 on a recent Sunday. The church is now fully organized, called for a recognition council for May 18, was received into the G.A.R.B.C. in June and has made application for fellowship in the O.A.R.B.C. The North Bethel Women's Missionary Union has taken as their project, the goal to raise \$1,000 during the next year to be applied toward the purchase of land for a building site.
- CLARKS MILLS, PA.** — Mr. James Dodson, a former deacon in one of our OARB churches, moved back to his hometown to establish a business. He found a number of people living in the community who were interested in the starting of a new church. At his invitation, I began to meet with these people on May 12, 1976. The first meeting was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Varner with 11 adults and four children present. After several weeks, the group voted to form Perry Baptist Church and extended a call to James Hinkel from New Bethlehem, Pa. Sunday services were started in the New Vernon Grange Hall on June 13. Brother Hinkel has moved to the field and began his ministry on September 5th with 45 in attendance and an offering of \$300. I worked with Dr. Duane Brown, the new State Worker for Pennsylvania in this effort, and he is using this as a pilot project to a New Church Program, similar to the Program of Propagation in Ohio.
- WAYNESFIELD** — A group of people withdrew from the First Baptist Church over the American Baptist Convention issue and have established the Calvary Baptist Church, R.R. #1, Harrod, Ohio. Rev. Keith McKim, Pastor, Faith Baptist Church, Lakeview, met with them for their mid-week services for several weeks. He introduced me to the group and I have kept in touch with them. They have called Rev. John McKinney as pastor and they are running between 50 and 60 in attendance.
- ATHENS** — Rev. John Baughman moved to Athens on Oct. 4 to put forth an effort to start a new church. Brother Baughman is a home missionary under Baptist Mid-Missions and has just completed a successful ministry at Waynesburg, Pa. This will be a joint effort between Baptist Mid-Missions and the OARB Program of Propagation. This will be called Athens Baptist Church, P.O. Box 254, Athens, Ohio. Brother Baughman has purchased a used mobile home at 9 Johnson Road, The Plains, Ohio 45780. Athens is a city of about 23,000 people plus 12,000 students at Ohio University. If you have any contacts in that area, please send their names to Brother Baughman.

Interest has been shown in the starting of new churches in such areas as Yellow Springs, Versailles, Plymouth, Eaton, and Attica. Rev. Bernard Flanagan and I made a trip to Plymouth, surveying the area and placing an ad in the local newspaper.

OUR GOAL IS TO SEE 27 NEW CHURCHES ESTABLISHED BETWEEN JULY '76 AND OCTOBER '78 - A 27 MONTH PERIOD!

STATISTICAL REPORT:

- 44 churches spoken in
- 71 messages
- 7 Sunday School classes and Youth Meetings
- 28 meetings with groups in planning sessions
- 1 Missionary Conference
- 4 Council of Twelve meetings
- 4 Cedarville College related meetings
- 2 Conferences attended
- 17 Local Pastor's and Local Associational meetings
- 6 Building dedications, Ordination Councils and Services, Recognition Councils
- 25 Miscellaneous meetings
- 24,782 miles traveled.

Second National Informissions Conference

Dr. Antolin B. Zamar of the Philippines will speak at the second national Informission conference. Informissions, an in-depth conference for college-age adults, will convene December 27-31, 1976. The site of the conference is the campus of Grand Rapids Baptist College and Seminary, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Dr. Zamar will be speaking on the subject "What are national churches doing?" at the 10 a.m. plenary session on Friday, December 31. The context of the subject question is "What has been accomplished in missions to this point in time?" The evening sessions of the conference will speak to the question, "What needs to be done from this point?" The afternoon workshops will treat specific areas of concern facing the missionary and missionary-to-be.

The "Role of National Churches Today" and "Recognition and Training of National Leadership Today" are workshops in which Dr. Zamar will participate. He brings a wealth of background to cover these subjects.

He was born in the Philippines and educated through the public schools there. He studied at Doane Baptist Bible Institute and earned his Associate in Arts (A.A.) degree from Lopez Jaena Memorial College, 1952-1958. His B.A. degree was earned at Central Philippine University, 1959-1965.

He is working toward his Master of Science in guidance and counseling from the same university. His Th.B. was earned at the Doane Baptist Bible Institute.

He was one of the pioneers of the Baptist work in the Davao province and pastored the Nabunturan Baptist Church from 1952 to 1954. He was ordained in 1953. He was also connected with the radio ministry of the Visayan Fellowship of Fundamental Baptist Churches for 10 years, "The Fundamental Baptist Hours."

Dr. Zamar is currently president of Doane Baptist Bible Institute in Iloilo City in the Philippines. He has held this post since 1974. Doane is a college-level Bible school established in 1923 and is the training ground of almost all the pastors and workers presently serving the fundamentalist cause in the Visayas and Mindanao area. It is a church-supported school under the sponsorship of the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism (ABWE), a faith mission board with home offices in Cherry Hill, New Jersey.

Bedford Church Calls Youth Pastor



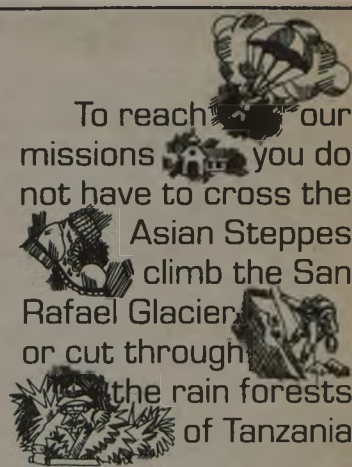
Mr. John Jackson

Garrison Rice, Pastor of Bible Baptist Church, 20 Avalon, Bedford, Ohio, announces the addition of a Youth Pastor to the church staff. John Jackson, and his wife, Penny, moved into the area in early September and began their duties at the local church shortly thereafter.

Mr. Jackson is a graduate of Baptist Bible College where he received the Bachelor of Religious Education degree, and after additional work at that institution, received the Bachelor of Theology degree. His wife, Penny, is also a graduate of the same school which is located in Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Jackson is originally from Binghamton, New York, while his wife's home is in Hamburg, New York. They will be working primarily with the youth of the local Baptist Church. This means that the youth program and outreach will be greatly enhanced and extended in the next few months.

In accepting the position, Mr. Jackson stated, "We are thankful that our Heavenly Father has led us to Bedford and we trust Him for continued direction as we serve Him in the capacity of Youth Pastor. It is our desire to point young people to Christ for He is the answer to all of life's problems."



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Evangelist John Canine



John Canine

A comparatively new face in the field of evangelism is that of our brother John Canine. Reports concerning his meetings are nothing but the best. In grace, the Lord is affording him many opportunities to declare His word. Through his preaching, souls are being reached for Christ, lives are being challenged and dedicated. He is a blessing in every church where permitted to minister.

We would like the men of our OARBC fellowship to get to know Brother Canine and would encourage them to contact him for special meetings. He would be glad to serve in your church, however, he is very much in demand and we suggest you write him soon! He may be reached by writing - Evangelist John Canine, 16275 Madoline, Birmingham, Michigan - 48009 or by phoning (313) 645-2347.

Much of the following profile concerning Evangelist Canine first appeared in the Michigan MARBC paper - BAPTIST TESTIMONY.

"John Canine grew up in a parsonage. His father, Rev. David Canine, was . . . until recently . . . pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Hazel Park. John was an outstanding basketball player on the Hazel Park High School team, and upon graduation was sought by many of the major colleges and universities. He chose Ohio University in Athens, Ohio and became an All-American guard. In his Senior year the team was 20-5 on the season and won the Mid-American Conference championship, and advanced to the N.C.A.A. Regional Tournaments. He would eventually play in three of the nation's best College All-Star games. During that same Senior year at Ohio University, the team was at one time 5th ranked in the nation, and John was their leading scorer.

"Upon graduation he was drafted by the Phoenix Suns professional basketball team and was given a bonus contract. But after training camp he was given his release. After all, a 6'2" guard in professional basketball is considered a midget! So he signed a contract to coach the Ferndale

High School basketball team; Ferndale being a suburb of Detroit and not far from Hazel Park where he grew up. But the Lord would not allow John to enjoy coaching, so after three years and many inner struggles as Christ spoke to his heart about yielding his life to Him, John resigned his coaching duties to enter the Christian ministry as an evangelist. Since doing so, he has been kept busy in numerous engagements in and out of Michigan, preaching the Gospel and pointing souls to Christ.

"John is married and, with his wife Pat, have two small sons, David and Daniel. They currently reside at 16275 Madoline, in Birmingham, Michigan. John has a brother, Samuel, who this writer considers a personal friend and who pastors a Regular Baptist Church in Lima, Ohio.

"Those who have used John Canine and have heard him preach speak highly of this young preacher. Dr. Don Winters of Columbus, Ohio, Pastor of the Memorial Baptist Church, (GARBC) says, "We at Memorial Baptist Church in Columbus, Ohio like John Canine as an evangelist. Though he is young, he is capable, spiritual, and interesting. The folk of the church showed their appreciation of Mr. Canine in their attendance, for his meetings were the best attended for many, many years in our church."

"Pastor Walter Spieth of Elyria, Ohio, another GARBCer, says, "John Canine is the type of an evangelist that this pastor can unreservedly recommend. He is uniquely different, possibly because of his secular education, however, he is doctrinally sound and gives a dynamic Bible message."

"Watson Spoelstra, Coordinator of Baseball Chapel, Inc. and a retired sports writer for the Detroit News says of him, "The Lord has His hand on John Canine. This has been clear to me for some time, knowing John as an athlete, coach, friend and one who loves Jesus." And Alvin Dark, former manager of the World Champion Oakland Athletics, a Christian himself, said after John spoke at the Baseball Chapel Service where 28 players attended, "John was simple as could be, right down on our level."

"We pray the Lord will greatly use this young man for His glory. We realize that sometimes former "celebrities" do not always maintain a solid, separated position once they enter the Christian ministry, but often assume a Hollywood-type ministry with methods and associations quite contrary to standards plainly taught in the Word of God. We are thankful John Canine is balanced, and is unashamedly a Fundamentalist and a Separatist, and preaches the Word of God learned from the lips of his preacher father."

New Christian Counseling Center

On September 1st, Ballard and Associates opened a Christian Counseling Center in Dayton, Ohio. Both men staffing the Counseling Center are actively involved in Regular Baptist Churches and are highly qualified.

Dr. Stanley Ballard is a graduate of the Dallas Theological Seminary and received his Ph.D. from North Texas State University. He is involved in counseling on a part-time basis while serving as Chairman of the Psychology Department at Cedarville College.

While Dr. Ballard will be involved in the Counseling Center on a limited basis, Dr. Paul D. Entner will be devoting his entire work schedule in this ministry. Dr. Entner graduated from Cedarville College in 1969 with a B.S. degree and Wright State University in 1972 with a M.Ed. Dr. Entner also received his M.A. and Ph.D. degree in Psychology from Rosemead Graduate School of Psychology in Rosemead, California. Rosemead Graduate School of Psychology is a Christian school that specializes in the intergration of conservative theology with psychology. Founder and President of Rosemead Graduate School of Psychology is Dr. Clyde Narramore.

The Counseling Center deals with many types of problems including depression, anxiety, marriage difficulties, sexual problems, retirement adjustment, personality problems, hyperactivity, and other problems with children and teenagers. Personality and intelligence testing services are also available.

The Counseling Center's philosophy is founded on a biblical foundation with the goal of helping Christians to be more effective in their personal lives as they function in the church, family, occupation, and related activities. The office is located in Dayton, Ohio at 28 East Rahn Road, Suite 214. Speaking engagements and seminars will be available in the near future. Dr. Ballard and Dr. Entner are willing to answer any questions anyone might have about their services. The office phone number is (513) 434-0540.

Strongsville

Vs. Brunswick



Some win - Some lose!

Recently the First Baptist Church of Strongsville, Ohio competed against First Baptist Church of Brunswick, Ohio in a Sunday School Contest. The Contest ran for five weeks, and both Churches competed against their own base attendance averages. During the contest the Brunswick Church averaged 3% above their base, and the Strongsville Church 34% above their base. The average attendance for Brunswick during the contest was 200, and the Strongsville Church averaged 220.

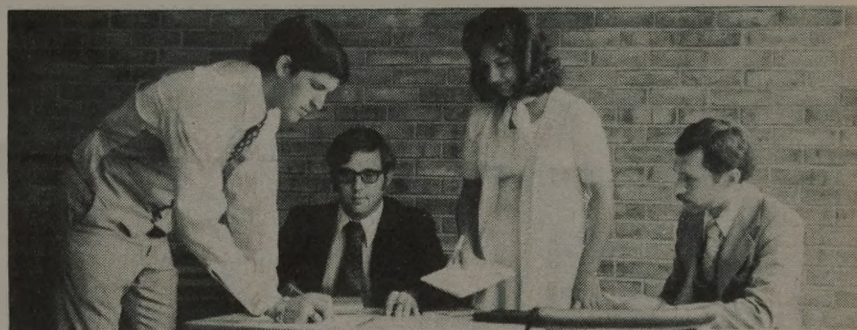
Following the contest rules, Pastor Donald Mathey of Brunswick sent their Sunday School Supt. Mr. John Neal, over to Strongsville, where Pastor Wilbur Parrish placed Mr. Neal in 'Stocks' and presented him with a crying towel. Then, Mr. Neal presented (the best he could -- being in 'Stocks') Mr. Jack Acker (S.S. Supt. of Strongsville) with a beautiful plaque.

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Summer Ministry

Temple Baptist Church in Portsmouth just completed the second "Summer Ministry Program". In this program, young men of the church who are studying for the ministry have an opportunity to work on the staff for the summer. The summer ministers this year were Warren Throckmorton, now a Sophomore at Cedarville College and John Gowdy, now a Senior at Tennessee Temple College.

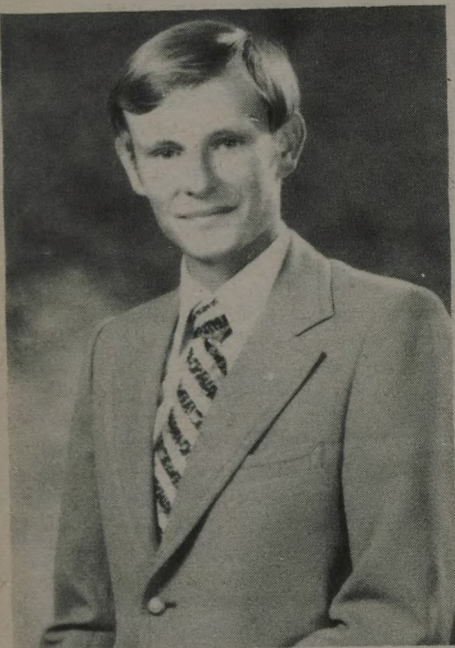
One of the specific duties of the summer ministers is to conduct Backyard Bible Clubs in key areas throughout the city. Everyday for two weeks prior to starting the actual club operation, the young men are involved in visitation and promotional work in the club areas. Brochures concerning coming club events are printed and handed out. A working file system is established. It is important for future pastors to learn that a good record system is a tremendous asset in conserving results.

During the actual club meeting, the children say pledges to the American Flag, the Bible and the Christian Flag. They enjoy singing, playing games, a Bible lesson, verse memorization, crafts, and refreshments. This summer, 28 children were saved through the Backyard Bible Club ministry.

John and Warren also directed the County Fair Ministry of Temple Baptist Church. This ministry was called "Fair Haven," a comfort area which afforded a place for passersby to relax and have a glass of cool water. A portable metal storage building was placed in the comfort area and used for a slide presentation of the over all ministry of Temple Baptist Church. A picture display showed the various Sunday School Departments and other church groups. Many tracts and information brochures were handed to people as they visited "Fair Haven."

Other areas in which the Summer Ministers participated were preaching in a regular church service, directing Children's Church, speaking during the daily radio program and some janitorial duties.

Here are the personal comments of the Summer Ministers of 1976:



John Gowdy

I'm thankful and very happy for the opportunity of working at the church this past summer. The Backyard Bible Club is a great idea. It was good to have conducted Children's Church every other week. One could stay in contact with the children, plus be in the main service. The main points of advice that I would give to the person who does any of this next summer is to: (1) stay strong spiritually, and (2) prepare in advance.



Warren Throckmorton

I am very grateful to the church for the position I had this past summer. I was able to see the various functions of a church from top to bottom. The experience I received from this work will certainly be invaluable to me in future work for the Lord. One of the biggest areas of practical instruction I received this summer was in the area of working with all kinds of people. As I am being led into the counseling ministry this will surely be most profitable in years to come.

Evening Bible Institute Begins Fall Semester

The West Side Baptist Bible Institute, an Affiliated Member School of the Evangelical Teacher Training Association (ETTA), began their Fall Semester September 27 and will run through December 13. The school meets on Monday evenings from 7:00 to 9:45 having three class periods and a chapel service each night for the 12 consecutive weeks. All classes are held in the Brookside Baptist Church, Seven Hills (1/4 mile East of Broadview Road on East Ridgewood Drive) in Cleveland, Ohio. Rev. George W. O'Keefe is pastor of the Brookside Baptist Church.

The faculty of the school for the Fall Semester this year are: Wayne Baldwin, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Parma - James Hanson, Professor, Computer and Information Department, Cleveland State University - Roy Hendershot, Pastor of the West Bethel Baptist Church, Cleveland - Jack Maltby, Pastor of the Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, Parma - Beth O'Keefe, Teacher at the Valley Forge High School - Francis O'Keefe, Teacher at the Brookside Baptist Church - George W. O'Keefe, Pastor of the Brookside Baptist Church and Marvin Werbeach, Pastor of the North Royalton Baptist Church.

Courses offered this year include --Old and New Testament Survey, the Triune God, Combined Christian Education Courses, Israel, Its Land and Its People, Christian Evidences, Baptist Polity and others.

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Youth Assist H.B.M. Churches

This past summer saw fourteen young people and two sponsors from the Temple Baptist Church in Portsmouth journey North for their third Annual Missionary Trip. Between July 24 and August 7 this team shared in the ministries of the Spanish-American Baptist Church in Port Huron, Michigan, pastored by Rev. David Shewfelt, and the Goulais Bay Baptist Church in Goulais River, Ontario, pastored by Rev. Fred Norlin. Both of these churches are under Hiawatha Baptist Missions and maintain strong stands in their respective areas.

The purposes of the Annual Missionary Trip for the youth of Temple Baptist are to provide a service for the Missionaries by providing workers for special projects and to help the young people involved determine God's will for their lives through a first hand view of missions.

This year's team conducted Bible Schools in both areas they visited as well as assisting in regular church services and visitation. At Port Huron the team conducted a Bible School in a neighboring community, Capac, to try to determine possible interest of people in that unreached area toward Pastor Shewfelt's work. In this school six young people, several of them teen-age boys, accepted Christ. In Goulais River there were fourteen decisions for salvation and an average daily attendance of 74.

The members of the missionary team were Jeff Pinson, Tami Stamper, Reve Smith, Cheryl Click, Davena Carver, Jeff Summerlin, Larry Ball, Connie Lyon, David Moritz, Warren Throckmorton, Debbie Sanderlin, Debbie Dautel, Sharon Shaw, John Collins, and sponsors Jack and Sharon Branon.

OARBC Conferences Yet To Come

We just completed our 49th annual OARBC conference which was held at the Norwood Baptist Church in Cincinnati, Ohio. The messages by Dr. Gromacki and Dr. Balyo, along with Brother Gene Bryant, were excellent. We thank the Lord for the fine spirit throughout the meetings.

The Lord willing, our 50th annual OARBC conference will be held October 17, 18, and 19 of 1977. It will be held at Cedarville College, Cedarville, Ohio. We will be meeting in their lovely new chapel building. Guest speaker for this conference will be Dr. Howard Sugden.

Tentative dates for our 51st annual OARBC conference are for October 16, 17 and 18 of 1978. This will be in the Northfield Baptist Church of Northfield, Ohio. It is hoped that the guest speaker will be Dr. Warren Wiersbe.

A more detailed report concerning our 49th annual conference (now past) will appear in the DECEMBER issue of THE OHIO INDEPENDENT BAPTIST.

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We are looking forward to a time of blessing during our special meetings November 28 through December 1st. Editor/Evangelist Don Moffat and his wife, Lois, will be with us these days.

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH, AMHERST —

We held a Father/Son banquet on October 9th which our men and boys greatly enjoyed.

SOUTH CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH, ATHENS —

Rev. Edward Greenwood of Cedarville College spoke here August 29. Also, we were led in special evangelistic services by Rev. Joe E. Day - October 26-31. The Lord richly blessed.

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH, BEDFORD —

A good time of fellowship was had at our Annual Corn Roast recently. Mr. David Baier, President of the Board of our Baptist Christian School ministered here on September 22. He presented pictures showing the work of our Baptist Christian School. Recently, we viewed the film—"13".

BEREA BAPTIST CHURCH —

The Ordination Council for Thayne Rodenmiller unanimously voted in favor of recommending to our church that we proceed with ordination exercises. A special ordination service for our brother was held on October 10.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, BLANCHESTER —

Our Minister of Youth and Music preached recently at one of our evening services.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, BOWLING GREEN —

The film—"A New Love For Candy" was shown to our boys and girls. This was at one of their AWANA meetings. Recent guest speakers include Dr. James Bedford, Bible Teacher and Educator, and Dr. David Otis Fuller, Pastor Emeritus of Wealthy Street Baptist Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Brother Don Worch will be leading us in a Family Life Seminary November 7 through 11. We are to view the AWANA film—"Happiness Is" on December 4.

BROOK PARK (formerly Cleveland)

Our Ladies Missionary Fellowship started their Fall Season with their annual Kick-Off dinner which was catered. Guest speaker for this occasion was Mrs. Earl Umbaugh. Her ministry was a blessing to all.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, BYESVILLE —

We held a morning of special services on Tuesday, October 19. These began at 9:00 A.M. and closed at noon. Guest speakers included Dr. David Burnham, Mr. Robert Hacker and Dr. Bruce Cummons. Their subjects were: "The Mature Believer", "The Preacher and His Tax Dollar" and "Motivating Christian Workers".

NEW HARMONY BAPTIST CHURCH, CALDWELL —

Our pastor, Rev. Milton Barkley, is now serving as a Chaplain for the U.S. Air Force Auxiliary - Civil Air patrol.

PERRY BAPTIST CHURCH, CANTON —

Missionary Jim Ruck presented a thrilling report of his first term of missionary work in the great country of Japan.

WHIPPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH, CANTON —

We held our Missionary Conference October 2-6 with guest missionaries Rev. and Mrs. David Toro (Australia), Miss Jo Deck (Chad, Africa) and Rev. and Mrs. Steward (India/Canada).

NORWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH, CINCINNATI —

We were led in a "Christian Home Seminar" by Professor Ron Chadwick of Grand Rapids Baptist Theological Seminary. Editor/Evangelist Don Moffat ministered here on Sunday, October 17. We had the joy of hosting the 49th Annual OARBC Conference-October 18, 19 and 20.

BROOKSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH, CLEVELAND —

Brother Jim Ruck and Brother Tom Wright preached here while Pastor and Mrs. O'Keefe were away on vacation.

CEDAR HILL BAPTIST CHURCH, CLEVELAND HEIGHTS —

Our Missionary Conference, October 3, 4, 5 and 6 was blessed of the Lord. Missionary speakers included Rev. and Mrs. Emmanuel Woods (Brazil), Rev. and Mrs. Paul Kintner (Peru) and Rev. and Mrs. Joe Springer (HC/B/Ecuador). Editor/Evangelist and Mrs. Moffat also had a part in the conference. Brother Moffat was to have been the Bible Teacher but took sick and was unable to participate. Mrs. Moffat did present several piano solos. We were led in a Bible Conference by Dr. John Walvoord, President of Dallas Theological Seminary October 24 through 28.

IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, COLUMBUS —

We appreciated the ministry of ABWE missionary Don Hare (Brazil). He was with us September 26th. Mr. Craig Scheneman was here on October 16 with his bicentennial presentation—"AMERICA".

MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH, COLUMBUS —

On August 22, we had a Commissioning Service for Dennis and Carol George. They are now serving in Allegheny, New York. Dennis is serving there as Youth Pastor. Missionary Robert Burghart and his family were here September 5th. Hearts were blessed as he told of their work in Germany.

GRAHAM ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH, CUYAHOGA FALLS —

The month of October was our "Missionary Month". Guest speakers included Rev. Carl Barton (Australia), Dr. Raymond Buck (Baptist Mid-Missions Foreign Secretary) Drs. Ronald and Martha Snearly (Chad) and Rev. Bob Brennan of Sao Paulo, Brazil.

COUNTY LINE BAPTIST CHURCH, DAYTON —

September 26th we called our "Old Fashioned Day". This was the 20th anniversary of our church. Beside the special services we had dinner on the ground, an old fashioned dress parade, a rally and a hymn sing. We now have a new carpet in our church. It is lovely.

EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, DAYTON —

Recently we were blessed through the ministry of Rev. Earl Bramblet of Tillicum, Washington. Other guest speakers include Brother Erroll Hulse of England and Brother Don Linblad, pastor of Kemp Road Baptist Church.

WASHINGTON HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH, DAYTON —

We held a "Christmas in September" Sunday on September 26th. A Christmas program was presented honoring our missionaries. An offering was taken which was equally divided among our missionary staff. We are anticipating blessing through our Christian Education Conference which will be held November 12 and 13.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, DELAWARE —

We were led in a "Family Living Conference" by Rev. W. D. Gustafson, pastor of the Duncan Park Baptist Church in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Mr. and Mrs. William Fields of Marietta, Ohio were with us October 17 and presented special music.

LAKEVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH, DUNDEE —

Brother Bruce Peterson ministered here at both services on September 12. We appreciated the report given us by Miss Elaine Schulte on her work in the Chad.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, ELYRIA —

The Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions held their Candidate classes in our church. We were privileged, too, to have Miss Elaine Schulte and Rev. James Dersham as guest speakers here recently.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, FINDLAY —

Our Fall Attendance Campaign got under way October 3 and will continue through November 14. Rev. William J. Randolph, Director of the Hebrew Christian Fellowship (Philadelphia, Penna.) led us in a Prophetic Bible Conference October 3 through 6. The film—"Thief In The Night" was shown recently to our teenagers.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, GALION —

Recent speakers include Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Sommerville (France) and Rev. Larry Jones of Grace Baptist Church in Indianapolis, Indiana. Pastor Booth delivered his final messages here on October 31. We hate to see them leave. We praise the Lord for their faithful ministry here in Galion.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, GALLIPOLIS —

Just recently our Associate Pastor, Rev. Harry Cole, resigned to accept a position on the staff at Cedarville College. We now are losing our pastor-Rev. Wilson Wahl. He has accepted a call to another church. We covet the prayers of our OARBC fellowship as we seek the Lord's leading in selecting a new pastor.

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH, GALLIPOLIS —

Rev. Edward Spencer, Dr. Clifford Johnson and Dr. Allan Monroe—all of Cedarville College - ministered here in August. Pastor Morrison is now in his fifth year as our pastor. In grace, God has blessed the church in many ways. Our pastor recently underwent surgery. This was on August 16th. We are glad to report he has fully recovered and is now back at work!

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH, GREENVILLE —

We recently hosted a YOUTH FOR TRUTH rally on October 16. The film—"Blood On The Mountain" was the special feature.

HINCKLEY RIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH, HINCKLEY —

We were led in special evangelistic meetings by Brother "Ed" Morrell, Jr. The Lord blessed. Three of our own young men brought Sunday evening messages here recently. They are David Bergen, Jack Derhammer and Cecil Bergen.

JOHNSTOWN INDEPENDENT BAPTIST — Editor/Evangelist Don Moffat and Mrs. Moffat will be with us November 14 through 19. We anticipate blessing as they come to hold their second series of meetings in our church.

EUCLID AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH, LORAIN —

Recently we reached the highest attendance in Sunday School since last Easter Sunday - 222. Some 37 teens attended the first meeting of our PRO-TEEN BIBLE CLUB. The film—"Flame In The Wind" was shown here October 29 and 30. Rev. Elton Hukill was guest speaker for our Senior Citizen Day-October 10.

FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH, LORAIN —

We held our annual Missionary Conference October 31-November 3. Missionaries taking part in the conference were Fred and Rachael Patton, Ward Harris and "The Margriffs".

SOUTH MADISON BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH, MADISON —

Our Vacation Bible School this past summer was blessed of the Lord. Highest attendance was 232. There were quite a few decisions to receive Christ. We put gospel tracts in helium filled balloons and sent them on their way!

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH, NORTH MADISON —

Our annual Father/Son banquet proved to be a great success. Our AWANA boys had a wonderful time on their canoe-trip. This was October 20 and 21.

MOGADORE BAPTIST CHURCH —

"HOLDING FORTH THE WORD OF LIFE AROUND THE WORLD" was the theme of our World-Wide Evangelism Conference held September 25 through 29. Missionaries participating were Ernest Gambrell (Maranatha Bapt. Mission), Don Luttrell (Radio Station WIVV, Puerto Rico), Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dick (Sudan Interior Mission, Nigeria), James Ruck (Baptist Mid-Missions, Japan) Ron Perrine (ABWE, Bangladesh) and Rev. and Mrs. Mel Keeler of Shepherd's Home in Union Grove, Wisconsin.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, NILES —

Recent speakers included Rev. Kenneth Romig of Bethel Baptist Church in Warren, Ohio and Rev. Eugene McMillen. Editor/Evangelist and Mrs. Don Moffat were with us in special meetings October 31 through November 5.

NORTH ROYALTON BAPTIST CHURCH —

Editor/Evangelist Don Moffat and Mrs. Moffat are to be with us for special services - Sunday through Sunday - December 12-17. Our people are waiting on the Lord for His blessing during these days.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, NORWALK —

We held a Missionary Conference October 10 - 13 with missionaries Ward Harris, Florence Houck and George Haberer. Rev. Walter Spieth took part in the conference as the Bible Teacher.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH, ORANGE VILLAGE —

We viewed the film—"The New Chuck Olsen". We appreciated the teaching ministry of Dr. John C. Whitcomb when he was with us recently.

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH, PORTSMOUTH —

Dr. Roy Hamman led us in a Prophetic Missionary Conference. We highly recommend our brother to our OARBC churches. Our pastor, Rev. Max Sidders and Dr. Hamman co-hosted a Holy Land Tour October 24 through November 5.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, STONGSVILLE —

We recently viewed the film;"DAKTAR" and also another presentation entitled—"GARBC Presentation". A year ago we set a goal of \$50,000 to be reached within our fiscal year. To the glory of the Lord, our people responded to this challenge and we went over the top by more than \$400. We are glad to announce that the Strongsville Savings and Loan Association has granted us a loan request for \$175,000 for our much needed expansion.

FUNDAMENTAL BAPTIST CHURCH, TALLMADGE —

The Lord blessed through the ministry of Miss Evelyn Morgan (ABWE-Philippines). We had good meetings with Dr. Harold Warner. Missionary Robert Gough (FBHM) will be speaking here on November 21st.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH, TOLEDO —

An excellent service of music was presented by Brother Steve Boalt. Missionary appointee Elaine Schulte ministered here on October 6th. The Lord blessed our special meetings with Evangelist Don Edwards. We also viewed the film—"The Burning Hell".

EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, TOLEDO —

Our meeting with Evangelist Bill Compton, October 4 through 10 proved a blessing. Our choirs are already rehearsing for their HOLIDAY MUSICAL presentation which will be December 17 and 18 at 8:00 P.M. Our Sunday School has been promoting an "Operation Andrew" during their Fall Sunday School campaign.

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, TOLEDO —

We were led in special meetings by Evangelist Eldon Weaver September 26 through October 1st. The Lord moved in the hearts of many.

VIENNA BAPTIST CHURCH —

Special meetings have been arranged with Editor/Evangelist Don Moffat for December 5 through 10. We are looking to the Lord to bless through our brother's preaching and through Mrs. Moffat's ministry at the piano.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH, WARREN —

Rev. Fred Bartz from Austintown Baptist Church ministered here on September 25. We held our Annual Missionary Conference October 10 through 15 with special missionary speakers from Brazil, Holland and France.

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, WESTLAKE —

Hearts were thrilled during our Missionary Conference. Guest missionary speakers this year were Willard Stull (Brazil), and Brother James Dersham (FBHM).

LEAVITTSBURG BAPTIST CHURCH, WARREN —

During the summer we had the joy of having Miss Patsy King with us. Also, a group representing Piedmont Bible College ministered here. Our Vacation Bible School proved most interesting. One of our members, Brother Chuck O'Neill, presented "chalk talks" each day. In September Brother Mike Coyle ministered here.

WHEELERSBURG BAPTIST CHURCH —

Evangelist Bob Kelly was guest evangelist during our special meetings of October 4-10. We were privileged to hear missionary Edith Phillips as she told of the need of Bangladesh. We have just completed building a "puppet stage" to aid in our children's work. We were blessed, too through the ministry of Brother Gerald Smelser (Cleveland Hebrew Missions) and Dr. Jim Phipps of Cedarville College.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, WILLOWICK —

We are having special meetings November 21 through 26 with Editor/Evangelist and Mrs. Don Moffat. We are much in prayer that the Lord will bless through these services.

EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, XENIA —

Our brother Missionary William Kuhn and his family ministered to us in September. The Lord is using these folk as they minister in Manitowac, Wisconsin. Recently we viewed the prophetic film—"The Final Hour".



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During the week parents and other visitors enjoyed campus tours and new students attended orientation meetings, trying to absorb information and adjust to the pace of college life. Two varsity soccer games were played, one on Wednesday with the University of Cincinnati, the other on Saturday with Wittenberg University. The week drew to a close on Saturday with an all-school picnic served by the lakeside at noon and an evening concert with Steve Baolt and Don Wyrzten.

Following College Week, classes began on Monday, October 4, with the record-breaking enrollment of 1200 students in attendance.

Since the 1964-65 school year, Cedarville College has doubled the size of its student body. The fall of 1964 saw 603 students enroll for classes; this year 1200 students enrolled for the fall quarter.

What does this growing enrollment mean to Cedarville College? What changes and new situations will develop as a result of this growth?

As Donald Rickard, Dean of Students, feels, growth can be a very positive thing. As faculty and staff become aware of the growing enrollment, they tend to feel the urgency to assess, sharpen, and improve their philosophy of growth and their future plans in light of that philosophy. Dean Rickard says that growth is a "sign of health," indicating that all is well and the job is being well done by faculty, staff, and administrators.

Some of the students are now living in improved housing because of remodeling of apartments into dormitories to accommodate the additional students. (The present dormitories are not crowded, as enrollment has been cut off to avoid overcrowded facilities.) As more students enter the major fields of study, it becomes possible to add more faculty members in those areas, thereby strengthening the school academically.

Of course, when only a limited number of students can be admitted, and a much larger number than that has applied, it will be much harder to gain admittance. And as the school grows larger, the struggle also grows to keep student/faculty and student/administrative relationships personal.

Most of the results of growth are positive; however, we realize that too much growth is not a good thing. The larger student body affects all phases of campus life, putting pressure especially on the necessity for space in the dormitories, library, classrooms, cafeteria, and gymnasium. The number of required faculty continues to rise with the student body, creating a need for more faculty office space. Rapid growth would also force more classes into evening

Cedarville College News

Missionary Internship Service

This summer 58 students under the Missionary Internship Service program travelled to countries around the world ministering for the Lord. These students had chosen their own places of service and raised support for their trips. After arriving on the field, some worked in local churches, while others did canvassing and calling, helping to establish new churches. Several MIS teams went out this summer, to Hawaii, Scotland, and Australia. The Hawaiian team had primarily a musical ministry, and the Scotland team worked with missionaries in starting a new church. The Australian team carried to the Spurgeon Bible Institute in Sydney the books for which the student body had supplied money last year. Seeing the eagerness of the young people in Australia to receive the books, one MIS team member said, "It really spoke to me how we as Christians should literally hunger for the Word and have that deep desire and longing to learn more of Christ."

The MIS experience is a unique one, providing first-hand, practical experience for the participants. Bruce Keizer, who spent part of his summer in Hong Kong under MIS, learned a valuable lesson. As he said, "First of all as a missionary, an individual must have a genuine love and compassion for the people whom he serves. Only then can the love of Christ be communicated."

hours, interfering with student activities, a vital part of a residential college.

So Cedarville College is faced with a dilemma: Growth is good. It is a sign of health. It enables the college to offer more academically to its students. But growth can also be hazardous, jeopardizing the effectiveness of the school through inadequate facilities and an impersonal attitude. Dr. Johnson, Academic Dean, suggests that the answer to this dilemma is controlled growth. According to Dr. Johnson, the ideal enrollment growth for Cedarville College is approximately 25 new students per year. At this rate Cedarville College can continue to expand, yet continually be preparing and prepared for larger numbers of students.

However, even growth at this rate may be difficult right now for the college. In the words of Lee Turner, Director of Development, "We cannot take advantage of the opportunity to grow by enlarging our facilities until the chapel indebtedness is paid." A few months ago the chapel was the most urgently needed expansion item on our list. Now students are using the chapel daily, and we rejoice in the Lord's provision.

Cedarville College would like to continue to grow, not only in the number of students, but also in the strengthening of the major fields of study. But, as Dr. Jeremiah, president of Cedarville College, put it, "To expand beyond the point we are now is almost impossible with the present facilities."

Dr. Jeremiah does not like the idea of terminating enrollment growth. In the years ahead there will be young people who will need and want to attend a Christian college, but there may not be room for them. Won't you pray with us for the need presented in paying off the chapel debt and preparing for future expansion of the campus so that we can adequately do the job of training young people for the work of the Lord.

Wherever they went this summer, the MIS team members sought to communicate to people the person of Christ and their need to accept Him as Savior and serve Him. Summing up her summer's experience with MIS, one girl said, "We weren't doing God a favor, but it was our privilege to serve God and minister for Him."

Cedarville Baptist Open

Participants from Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, New York, and Indiana gathered for the Cedarville Baptist Open held September 17 and 18 at Cedarville College.

Despite some poor weather on Friday, 143 golfers played the course, turned in their scores, and retired to the Cedarville College cafeteria for a delicious banquet, followed by a short message from President Jeremiah and a film.

Early the next morning, four-somes teed off for the second day of competition. An exciting moment in the day came when Mark Mitchell from Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, hit a "hole in one."

Tim Birk of Ypsilanti, Michigan, won the Championship flight with a score of 149 for 36 holes, with Mark Mitchell of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, a close second with a score of 150. The Christian Missionary Alliance Church of Ypsilanti, Michigan, won the church trophy. First and second place trophies were awarded in each of the ten flights.

Next year the Cedarville Baptist Open will be played the second weekend following Labor Day, September 16 and 17.

Summer Swordbearers

Many Cedarville College students give all or a part of their summer to full-time service for the Lord. Two opportunities presented to students are the Summer Swordbearers team and the Missionary Internship Service program. Through participation in these programs, young people gain valuable experiences in Christian living.

The 1976 Summer Swordbearers team spent 10 weeks traveling in the midwest states of Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, and Wisconsin, and in the west in Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, and South Dakota.

The ministry of the 11-member team included working in various churches canvassing, preaching, teaching Sunday school, and presenting special music, as well as conducting special youth programs and seminars for both youth and adults.

A large part of their ministry concerned youth programs and seminars. Specially geared for teen-agers were the seminars titled, "Who Do You Think You Are?", "Born Free But Not Wild," and "The Dating Game and How to Play It." "Feminars" were also conducted for the young ladies, and "Himinars" for the young men.

Puppet shows, gospel music, and chalk talks added interest and variety to the Swordbearers' presentations of the gospel.

Mini-Informissions Conference

A MINI-INFORMISSIONS CONFERENCE, designed primarily for high school, college age, and young adults, will be held on the college campus November 12 and 13, 1976.

Five fundamental Baptist mission agencies will be represented by staff personnel, experienced missionaries, and candidates. Large group sessions, workshops, AV presentations, displays, and liter-

ature will all be a part of the conference. In addition, three workshops have been planned for pastors and missions leaders in the local church.

Speaking on the theme, "Ye Are Witnesses of These Things" (Luke 24:48), Rev. Frank Hartwig (Association of Baptists for World Missions), Rev. Leigh Adams (Baptist Mid-Missions), Rev. Larry Vincent (Hiawatha Baptist Missions), Rev. David Dunkin (Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions), and Mr. Don Ross (Evangelical Baptist Missions), and approximately 30 other experienced missionaries and missionary appointees will deliver messages and conduct workshops. Those who participate in the conference will also have the opportunity for personal interviews with the mission board representatives.

Special music will be provided for the conference by the Cedarville College Summer Swordbearers team, the Abundant Life Singers, and the 1976 Australia MIS team.

For further information concerning the MINI-INFORMISSIONS CONFERENCE, write to Cedarville College, Cedarville, Ohio - 45314.

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INFORMATION AND INSPIRATION

Students are informed about missions as missionaries speak to them in chapel and individually. Each spring a week-long Mission Conference is held on campus.

INSTRUCTION

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INTERNSHIPS

Team ministries are available in Africa, Australia, Brazil and The Philippines. Students participate in individual and small group experiences in many different home and foreign mission settings. Some student teaching assignments are available overseas in schools for missionary children. More than 150 have participated in the school's Missionary Internship Service program.

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Heart to Heart Among the Women

—Mrs. Earl Umbaugh — Women's Editor—

Ready!

Is the handle of your life turned toward the Master, that at any moment He may take hold of you and use you for His holy service? We who work in the kitchen know the importance of the above statement. Even a carpenter or mechanic keeps his tools with the handle outward, ready and available. No great court function can be carried through successfully, without careful preparation. Our current politicians carefully lay out their strategy of campaign. In II Chronicles 34:4, 6, 14-16 we read that Josiah's passover was so vast and rare a success because of the large amount of previous preparation, as is described in this chapter. The priests and Levites were prepared by careful washings and ceremonial rites. The course of the sacrifices was ordered according to the law of Moses. The routine of sacred song and praise was also provided for. Nothing was left done haphazardly or left to chance.

In Joshua we also read of carefully prepared plans for the crossing of Jordan and the taking of Jericho. Why do we think in our church and daily ministries we can "get by" with haphazard preparations?

We are taught to rely on the promptings and inspirations of the Holy Spirit; and it is certain that He would use us more on special errands, if we were to trust and obey Him better. But these extraordinary ministries should not lead us to a life that is haphazard. We should prepare ourselves for service so far as we may, laying our plans, anticipating calls and exigencies of coming days, and preparing for the demands which almost certainly will be made upon us. We may have to give our special words and addresses and arrangements to the winds; but we shall always need that preparedness of heart which is necessary for those who would be used of God.

Remember what is said of the vessels that were purged from uncleanness, sanctified, meet for the Master's use, and prepared unto every good work. II Timothy 2:21. Be always in your own place, clean so far as you can be, filled with the Holy Ghost, with the handle of your life turned towards the Master's hand, (F.B. Myers) that at any moment He may take hold of you, and use you in His holy service. By the diligent study of His Word, as well as by earnest prayer and waiting upon God, you will be prepared to do His will.

We make our preparations, the Holy Spirit makes His and God performs the work through it all.

W. Moriah News

The ladies of the West Moriah Women's Missionary Fellowship of central Ohio met for their Fall Rally in lovely new Calvary Baptist Church at Lancaster on Tuesday, Sept. 21, at 10 a.m. There were 100 ladies and 16 children present from 19 churches. Theme for the year was "Proclaim Liberty," Lev. 25:10. Mrs. Frank Odor of Newark, president, was in charge.

Guest speaker was Miss Ruth Nephew, medical missionary to the Central African Republic, Baptist Mid-Missions. She told of a typical day's ministry in Bangassou. A letter from the field revealed that Ruth's house needs a new faucet, the refrigerator doesn't freeze, the water pump is not operating, the pipes are plugged, the toilet won't flush, the washing machine doesn't work, the Volkswagon won't run, the Chevy truck's brakes don't work and the windshield is broken. The letter held one note of joy, however: Patsy King's kitty is expecting again! Rolled band-aids were presented Miss Nephew for use in her African dispensary.

A panel of 8 ladies from various churches contributed ideas on "How Does Your WMF Function?" Moderator was Mrs. Wm Newton, Sr., Bible Mission Baptist, Reynoldsburg. Mrs. Claude Williams of Reynoldsburg, concluded with suggestions on how to start a women's missionary group.

Miss Elaine Shulte, R.N., Cedarville, a missionary candidate to the Chad, Africa, under BMM was introduced.

It was reported that last year's project, "A Freezer for the Baxters," with a goal of \$350 was exceeded to the sum of \$523.96. With this amount a 20.2 cu. ft., upright freezer, \$190 worth of meat, a 6 qt. stainless steel pressure cooker and a small cash gift were given Rev. and Mrs. Tom Baxter, FBHM missionary-pastor

of the Fallsburg Baptist Church, R.D. 3, Frazesburg, Ohio. Colored slides were shown of the Baxter family with their new freezer filled with meat. A special prayer request was made for Bro. Baxter who is ill with a recently-discovered serious diabetic condition and, at this writing, is hospitalized for treatment.

The new project was announced: "Furniture for the Baptist Mid-Missions Guest House," 2127 Coventry Rd., Cleveland Heights, Ohio. Goal, \$500. On Nov. 4 at 10 a.m. the W. Moriah ladies will tour the International Headquarters of Baptist Mid-Missions, 4205 Chester Ave., Cleveland, and have lunch at the Guest House. Each church will provide their own transportation and each lady will bring a sandwich for lunch. Mrs. Betty Vandergrout, Guest House hostess, will serve salad, dessert, and beverage. The women will then have an opportunity to tour the guest house and examine the living room furniture which needs replacing.

Women's Retreat reports were heard and Mrs. Williams, state president, announced the upcoming state meeting. Devotions were by Mrs. Earl Newkirk, assoc. pastor's wife of Rocky Fork Baptist, Gahanna. Special music was by the Treble Tones Trio of Memorial Baptist, Columbus. Mrs. David Jensen, Maranatha Baptist, Columbus, was song leader with Mrs. James Horne, Pine Hills Baptist, Columbus, at the organ and Mrs. Robert Uankovich, Memorial Baptist, Columbus, at the piano. Mrs. B. C. Jennings, host pastor's wife, gave the welcome.

A delicious covered dish dinner was enjoyed at noon by all, including the pastors who met in separate session.

The Pastor's Wives and WMF Officers Noon Luncheon will be held on Thursday, Feb. 10, at Stan's Restaurant, 4333 Westerville Rd., Columbus. The Spring Rally will be held on May 17, 1977, 10 a.m., place to be announced.

Ladies Visit F.B.H.M. Office



One evening in August, the ladies of the missionary fellowship of Calvary Baptist Church in Norwalk visited the home office of the Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions in Elyria.

Miss Mildred Krieke, a secretary, and Rev. David Dunkin, one of the staff members, gave them a tour of the building, a slide presentation and provided refreshments.

Other groups are welcome to visit the Mission office. Contact us at Box 455, Elyria, Ohio, for arrangements.

A Missionary Meeting That Was Different

"Back to School" was the theme of the September program of the Ladies Missionary Union of the Calvary Baptist Church in Norwalk. The meeting was open to the entire church family - women, men and children.

The "assembly" began in the church auditorium where each student received his (or her) schedule for the evening. Announcements were made by Mrs. Ellen Reed, president and Pastor Norman McVey brought a devotional message. The "classes" were held in different rooms of the church.

"Social Studies" class was taught by Mrs. Aldene Graham. Brazil was the country for the evening. Mission work in this country was presented. Missionaries serving under approved mission boards were introduced by pictures. The work of the Baptist Bible Seminary in Manaus, Brazil was featured by slides and tape. A gift for the debt retirement fund of this school is the project of the Hebron Women's Missionary Union for '76.

Mrs. Betty Bowers and Mrs. Dorothea Tyson (both treasurers) presented their reports during the "Math Class".

Mrs. Cindy Derrick, "English teacher" reported the minutes of the previous meeting and read correspondence from different missionaries. At the beginning of each class period prayer was given for specific needs of missionary families.

During the "Music Class" Mr. Frank Carey taught the theme song of the approaching missionary conference.

The "Drama Guild" gave a skit enacting a Women's Bible Class in Africa. The evening closed with a meal in the "cafeteria". The offering was received by each student giving of their "lunch money" to the cafeteria cashier - Mrs. Carey.

This program was well supported by the families of our church and was most helpful in interesting men and children in our missionary outreach.

... reported by
Mrs. Aldene Graham

Ladies Elect Officers

The Cedarville College Women's Fellowship have elected the following officers for 1976-1977:

President -- Mrs. Peg Richer, Shawnee Hills Baptist Church, Jamestown, Ohio

Vice President -- Mrs. Carol Nealy, Washington Heights Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio.

Recording Secretary -- Mrs. Alberta Carr, Grace Baptist Church, Cedarville, Ohio.

Corresponding Secretary -- Mrs. Linda White, Grace Baptist Church, Cedarville, Ohio.

Treasurer -- Mrs. Martha Baldwin, Grace Baptist Church, Cedarville, Ohio.

The next regular meeting will be held at the college on Friday, October 15 at 10:00 a.m.

Canton Area Fellowship

CANTON AREA FELLOWSHIP --

Enjoyed a beautiful fall day at the First Baptist Church, Louisville, Ohio. Sara Jane Harris, a missionary to the Central African Republic gave a challenging message. The ladies brought pounds and pounds of pop corn for Sara Jane to take back to Africa (unpopped of course! - however, in your editors opinion it would have weighed less if popped! Ha!). Their QUARTER project of \$900 for Victoria Baptist Bible College was well subscribed. Mrs. Vi Miller is their new president.

Berean Fellowship

BEREAN FELLOWSHIP --

A great Day was enjoyed at the Madison Avenue Baptist Church hosting the Fall Rally. Rev. and Mrs. Mel Keeler, returned to the area to present Shepherds Home and School for Retarded Children. The ladies responded in a wonderful way with a shower for the Shepherds Home. The host church furnished salad, the ladies bringing a sack lunch made a delightful fellowship time at the noon hour.

Good Eatin'

ORANGE MERINGUE PIE

1 cup orange juice

1 cup orange pulp

1 cup sugar

5½ tbs. corn starch

3 egg yolks

Combine sugar, corn starch and blend into juice alternately with the egg yolk. Cook, stirring constantly until thickened. Cool. Add 1 tbs. lemon juice and 2 tbs. butter.

Pour into baked pie shell.

Top with meringue made of 3 egg whites, 1 tsp. cream of tarter and 1½ cup sugar, beaten stiff.

Brown in a slow oven. Cool and serve.

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ON TARGET WITH MISSIONS

V. Ben Kendrick

"Blessings, blessings, blessings" seems to be the theme of the information that I have to share with you in this month's ON TARGET WITH MISSIONS.

The Association of Baptists for World Evangelism informs me that one of the special blessings on many of their fields is their short-term program. Participants are men and women who have programmed a portion of their lives to God for special service. Officially, such individuals are called "short termers." Where do they come from? How do they learn of a need? What is the procedure for a man or woman possessing a specific talent to put that to use on a mission field? Communication is the key. A need is expressed by the missionary to headquarters or in some other communique sent out by him. An individual learns of this and responds as a call of God. Other times, someone volunteers to the mission and his services are matched with an existing need. A medical student might have three months of his education process that can be programmed into service for a mission hospital. A teacher feels she would like to give God a year or two of her expertise to assist in teaching of missionary children. A builder sees a need for his assistance in constructing part of a compound. All of these examples are actual case histories from the A.B.W.E. files, but more importantly "flesh and blood" blessings of the Lord to such a mission program.

Ask any missionaries about these fine men and women who go to help. Without hesitation, they will respond with a positive recommendation. And so it is that God's program is effectively advanced by those consecrated "lawmen" who are willing to translate God-given talents into that which will forward God's work. Interested men and women can always get in touch with A.B.W.E.'s Candidate Secretary to see if their talents can be channeled effectively into this portion of God's vineyard.

Baptist Mid-Missions' M.A.P. program ministered in Israel for the third straight summer, and it is a real joy to share some of the results of their ministry with you. The team was made up of 50 personnel in all: 46 students and four missionaries. Rev. Leeland Crotts, the missionary leader, reports the following results for which we praise the Lord:

"Two public services were held with estimated attendances of 300 and 500. The team was divided into three groups working on three kibbutzim. Sunday services were held for the combined group with kibbutz visitors usually present. For their own spiritual need, daily praise-and-prayer meetings were held by the individual groups. In their written reports, the students show that they witnessed on an individual basis to some 600 people, an estimated 2500 times. There were two young adults, a man and a woman, who received Christ as Savior. In their ministry, the team found five other believers on the kibbutzim."

Some of the student-comment reports are as follows: The opportunity to witness to four Israeli girls was one of the greatest things that could have happened to me. I even gave my New Testament to one of them. . . . Even after only three weeks on the kibbutz, I caught quite a glimpse of the opportunities that are open to our kind of program" (Debbie C.). "We spent several hours going through the Scriptures because he wanted to see about Christ's coming as we believe. . . . We spent hours with the Bible" (Bill L.). "After we finished singing, they asked us questions like, 'Why are you happy?' and 'How come you seem to have peace?' . . . Orly and I were good friends and had several talks about the Lord. . . . She was impressed by the reality of our faith and I tried to stress to her the personal relationship we believers enjoyed with God. . . . I gave her a New Testament which she was reading quite rapidly. . . . When we were talking, she had tears in her eyes. I know she sensed that we were sharing with her what she had been looking for. . . . I had a Bible study going with two Japanese boys. They both were very interested and began reading the Bible a lot. . . . A girl from Scotland, Carol, found Christ as her Savior on the kibbutz. . . . A Jewish boy from Boston turned from atheism to an acknowledgment of God and recognized his need of a Savior" (Phil S.).

These are just a few of the many comments made, but I am sure that the feeling of all who went to Israel is summed up in what one of the fellows wrote: "This is a fantastic place to get the gospel into every land by telling them, writing to them later on in their home countries, and referring them to missionaries."

Evangelical Baptist Missions informs me that in Martinique there were eight conversions reported recently in their camp ministry. Rev. and Mrs. John Weeks have returned to Martinique to head up a much-needed Bible-School program. Across the seas to Sweden comes the wonderful news from missionaries Ollie and Grayce Kautzer that a young medical student, who was thinking of taking his own life, accepted Christ as his Savior. He is now seeking the Lord's direction for his life.

Remember to pray for INFORMATIONS. This is a ministry geared for our Baptist young people. Five full days of workshops, messages, plenary sessions and good fellowship are planned for some 1000 college students on the Grand Rapids Baptist College campus, December 27-31, 1976. The future of missions lies with our young people. Let's be faithful in praying for them.

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Temple Baptist Helps Celebrate America's 200th Birthday



Pictured are from left to right: Mr. Vern Miller, Bank President - Beth, Bobby, Bonnie and Pastor Sidders.

An authentic replica of the Liberty Bell was on display in the foyer of Temple Baptist Church on Sunday, July 4. This bell, owned by the National Bank of Portsmouth has been displayed in many local schools, civic functions, and has appeared in numerous parades in the Portsmouth area.

On the afternoon of July 4, the church entered a float in the Bicentennial Parade. The second place trophy in religious emphasis was awarded to Rev. John Waldon, the Minister of Visitation, who designed and directed the construction of the award winning float.

Over 400 people attended the evening service as the Adult Choir under the direction of Mr. Gale Dalton, presented "I Love America."

A Future Missionary

It is thrilling to be with young people who know and love Christ and have given their lives to Him for His service. Another fine letter comes from Rev. V. Ben Kendrick, Director of the youth programs at Baptist Mid-Missions, sharing with us the enthusiasm of such a young person. The letter was written by Miss Pam Funk, Grove City, Pennsylvania and is as follows:

Dear Uncle Ben:

Please forgive me for this delay in writing you. I have wanted so for many weeks to be able to sit down and just share God's unlimited grace with you.

When I received your acceptance letter, I just about passed out. All that ran through my mind was . . . "God, you were really serious about it, weren't You!" Even now I could run all over good ol' Grove City and scream and shout throughout the streets and alleys--"Jesus is Fabulous!" And that would only be the beginning of what Jesus is to me.

While I was in Utah, God worked in my life abundantly (and then some). He showed some of His handiwork to me; He taught me to trust Him, follow Him and above all, He showed me that Bible faith can do the uttermost impossible. God introduced me to people who play a very vital role in my life and He gave me a very special friend

this summer. Her name is Janis Pierce. Jesus gave me the opportunity to know what a time of true "heaven-made" friendship is all about. The only thing more precious is my personal relationship with Jesus Himself, I can't begin to praise God enough for His wonderful working in my life.

God is still working. What can you tell me about Bangladesh? I'm serious. I want to know every jot and tittle there is to know.

Dr. Stagg (under ABWE) presented his work to my church this Lord's day (9/26/76). While I was sitting in the pew, watching the slides, I felt God working in my heart. The burden I feel for the people of Bangladesh is like a burden I have never experienced before. I am really serious -- I want to know about this mission field.

I hope to be hearing from you soon. I will be constantly praying for God's perfect will.

All because of Jesus,
Pam Funk, Gal. 2:20

P.S. I worked with Rev. Lloyd Larkin, Tooele, Utah, this past summer in the S.T.A.M.P. program.

Editor's Note: Brother Kendrick not only provided information on Bangladesh from Baptist Mid-Missions, but also referred Pam's request on to A.B.W.E.

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Is The United States Of America A Christian Nation?

by Rev. Wm. E. Abernathy

Psalm 33:12 - "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance."

Today it seems popular in many circles to deny that the United States of America was founded as a Christian nation. The claim is made that we are too much of a "pluralistic society", too diverse a people, with too many ideas about religion to have been so founded. Much is made of religious liberty and separation of church and state, and they are said to be opposed to the idea that this nation was founded as Christian. Here is an example of such claims, The Rev. Dr. Franklin H. Littell, quoted in the Washington Post for November 19, 1962, said. . . "The belief that the Founding Fathers established a Christian nation on these shores is the 'most reactionary legend of all American folklore' ". He urged his fellow Protestants to "bury this lie forever". He said that this "pernicious legend" is used to justify bad citizenship and degenerate religion.

But what are the facts? What does the history of our founders say about their reasons for founding this country, and what were the principles upon which they founded it? Who were they anyway?

We have all heard of the Pilgrims who landed on Plymouth Rock, December 11, 1620. Some apparently do not know that they were a separatist congregation who had moved from Scrooby, England to Holland in 1608—in search of religious freedom. Failing to find what they were seeking in Holland, they moved again—this time to the New World.

Concerning these people, and others like them, Grady Weaver, in his book, The Mainspring of Human Progress, says "Most of the colonists remembered grandfathers, even fathers, who had risked their lives to read the Bible. They knew of men who had been burned at the stake, wretched joint from joint on the rack, broken on the wheel for saying or even for being accused of saying—that ordinary men had a right to read the Bible. They had heard old people talk of stealthy meetings at night to hear the Bible read in secret by the light of a shaded candle—of the alarm, the terror, the frantic escapes. They'd been told of meetings back on the open moors of Scotland, where people gathered together to recite the Scriptures under a moonless sky—of the sudden, 'Holloo', the charging horses, and the frantic running before the galloping troopers, who rode down men and women and slashed at them with swords; then the long period of hiding while the troopers searched craftily, and wives of slain men lay under water in ditches, praying to God that their babies would not whimper and that the hunt might end before dawn. The children of such people were happy to be in a land where they could fearlessly read their Bibles."

The evidence from the early documents of these people indicated that they were people who believed that the Bible is the Word of God.

For example, The Mayflower Compact says, "We covenant with the Lord, and with one another; and do bind ourselves in the presence of God to walk together in all His ways, according as He has pleased to reveal Himself unto us in His blessed Word of Truth."

The Constitution of the New England Confederation, written in 1643 says "Whereas we all came into these parts of America with one and the same end and aim, namely to advance the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ and to enjoy the Liberties of the Gospel in purity with peace. . . ."

Of course this does not mean that all the founders of our country were Christians in the sense that born again believers use the term, but it cannot be denied that many, perhaps most of them were, and that the majority of them believed that the God of the Bible was the only true God, and that the Bible was His revelation to man!

Coming to the time of the movement for independence in the colonies, we ask ourselves, "What were the ideas of the leaders of this movement concerning God and the Bible?" It is obvious that, in a country where there are many Bible believers, the concepts and principles of the leaders will be influenced by the Bible. This is so obviously true about the men in the forefront of the struggle for independence, that it seems foolish for anyone even to try to deny it.

One has only to read the Declaration of Independence to see that it has in it many ideas which come directly from the Bible. Where, but from the Word of God, did men get such concepts as these:

1. God rules in the natural world . . . see paragraph 1, "Nature and nature's God".
2. Creation. . . see paragraph 2, "endowed by their Creator".
3. The equal right of individuals to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. . . same paragraph as above.
4. Governments are instituted by God to secure men these rights, see paragraph 2, . . . "that to secure these rights, governments are instituted."

Here are two quotations from among those who signed this document.

JOHN ADAMS: "The Bible is the best book in the world. It contains more of my little philosophy than all the libraries I have seen."

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain who build it. I firmly believe this, and I also believe that without His concurring aid we should succeed in this political building no better than the builders of Babel."

It is a known fact of history that the Continental Congress set aside \$300.00 to buy Bibles!

Among other great men in our history, the Bible has been regarded very highly. Here are some quotations.

ANDREW JACKSON, "Go to the Scriptures. . . the joyful promises it contains will be a balsam to all your troubles."

ULYSSES GRANT, "Hold fast to the Bible as the sheet anchor to your liberties. Write its precepts in your hearts and practice them in your lives. To the influence of this Book we are indebted for all the progress made in true civilization, and to this we look as our guide in the future."

WILLIAM MCKINLEY, "The more profoundly we study this wonderful Book, and the more closely we observe its divine precepts, the better citizens we will become, and the higher will be our destiny as a nation."

THEODORE ROOSEVELT, "Almost every man who has by his life's work added to the sum of human achievement of which the race is proud, of which our people are proud; almost every such man has based his life-work largely upon the teachings of the Bible."

HERBERT HOOVER, "The whole of the inspirations of our civilization springs from the teachings of Christ and the lessons of the Prophets. To read the Bible for these fundamentals is a necessity of American life."

Up until this present generation, the Bible has played a very important part in the educational system of our country. Our earliest schools were founded by churches and groups of churches—specifically to teach the Bible. For many years the Bible was the chief textbook in schools. Other books, like McGuffey's Readers were heavily dependent upon the Bible for material, and emphasized many Biblical principles of conduct.

At the time of the Supreme Court decision that prescribed prayers in the public schools were not constitutional, Bible reading in state school systems had been:

- Upheld by the courts in seven states;
- Permitted by statute in six;
- Required by statute in eleven;
- Practiced in many others without legal sanction or prohibition.

So it is obvious that the Bible has played an important part in the founding and history of our nation! Its principles have pervaded our institutions. Many of our citizens down through the years have given allegiance to it as the Word of God.

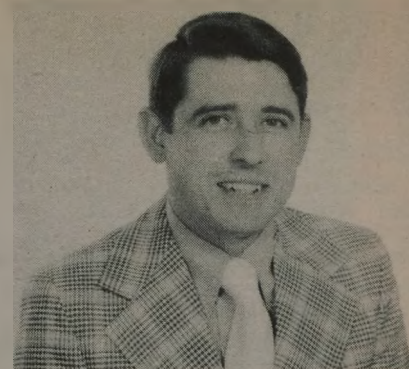
Personally, I believe that, apart from Israel, there never has been a nation which has so closely fit our text, (Psalm 33:12) as has the United States of America. Neither has there ever been a nation so singularly blessed by God as our nation has been. Consider these facts:

1. No other nation has been specifically founded upon the principles of liberty!
2. No foreign armies have ever ravaged our country—in 200 years, think of that!
3. The bulk of the world-wide missionary movement has originated in the U.S.A.
4. We have known, and still know, economic blessings. Our citizens, in general, have a standard of living which far surpasses that of the citizens of any other nation.

Yes, God has richly blessed America! Can we turn away from Him now? What ingratitude that would be. Can we expect His blessings to continue when we turn away from the One who gives them?

God grant that America will turn back to Him, and again seek His blessings!

Ordained To The Gospel Ministry



Rev. Gary Holtz

Upon the invitation of the Grand Avenue Baptist Church, Fairborn, Ohio, an ordination council was convened at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, October 5, 1976 to consider the advisability of setting aside to the Gospel ministry, Mr. Gary Holtz. Mr. Holtz is presently serving under Baptist Mid-Missions, actively engaged in deputation for Campus Bible Fellowship.

Pastor William Davis, host Pastor, welcomed the council and led in a hymn and the reading of II Timothy 4:1-8. State Missionary, Rev. Earl Umbaugh was chosen to serve as temporary Chairman of the Council and Rev. Robert G. Perry as temporary clerk to organize the council.

The letter of invitation was read and roll call was taken of churches and individuals present. Thirteen (13) churches were represented with fifteen (15) Pastors and fifteen (15) messengers in addition to several from the host church and family of the candidate. A motion was carried to make the temporary officers the permanent ones.

Pastor William Davis introduced the candidate, Gary Holtz. Our brother gave testimony to his salvation in Jesus Christ and his call into Christian service.

The candidate was questioned by the council concerning his doctrinal statement. Copies of the statement had been made available to council members. After a thorough time of questioning, the council proceeded to executive session. The following motion was passed. "The council considers itself satisfied with all questions asked regarding doctrine, call and conservation. We recommend to the Grand Avenue Baptist Church that it proceed with the ordination of Brother Gary Holtz."

A lovely luncheon was prepared by the ladies of the home church for the council.

Submitted by:
Robert G. Perry
Clerk of the Council

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Recently, your editor and his wife held special meetings in the Northwest Baptist Church of Jackson, Michigan. While ministering in the church, we were privileged to stay at the parsonage with Pastor Lynn Lahaie and his family. They have three lovely children. The eldest of these is their 17 year old daughter - Sharon. We were very much impressed with this young lady. She bears a good testimony for Christ.

Sharon attends the Northwest High School in Jackson. Last year (she was 16 at the time) she was assigned the responsibility of writing a "journal". We were permitted to read some of that which she had written and thought our readers might enjoy her writings also.

In a day when so many youth give such little thought to the serious issues of life, these writings stand out. As you read these, remind yourselves that these were written in a public high school. We feel she has done remarkably well!



Miss Sharon Lahaie

-- LIFE --

Life is very precious to me. I'm afraid I take it for granted too much of the time. It constantly amazes me that at the end of the day when you stop to think--that day is GONE forever! It is never going to be able to be relived! That, in itself, should make us want to be real careful as to what we do each day--that it will be worthwhile and will count for something. There is a little saying that is really true and we should all guide our lives by it. "Only one life, 'twill soon be past, only what's done for Christ will last."

As a child of God, I have the assurance that I will go to Heaven when this life is over. I just cannot understand how people can go thru life with no assurance. I don't see their motivation for even living.

Lately, I've been thinking about life a lot. Why am I here? What use is there in living? How can a God so great, and so powerful, love me, a nobody, a nothing? I seem so little and insignificant in this big world. But as I have asked those questions, I have received answers. Those answers give me my reason for living life.

First: Why am I here? I have been put on this earth for a specific purpose. That purpose is to glorify God and be His witness. (Acts 1:8)

Second: What use is there in living? James puts it so simply in James 4:14: "...For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away." Our life is so insignificant there is really no reason to live, UNTIL we know Christ. He is The Life. (John 14:6)

Last: How can a God, so great and powerful, love me? I don't know. All I know is that He does love me and did love me so much that He sent His only Son to die on the cross that I might have eternal life. (John 3:16)

Those are the best reasons I could ever have for living.

"Life is not worth living, till you know the One who gives you your life to live, Christ."

By V. Ben Kendrick

There are times when we need to stop and listen to our young people. Those of us who have the opportunity to work among them recognize that they have something to say and we do take the time to hear them out.

I highly commend those churches that take an interest in their young people. No church wastes funds, time or energy by promoting programs related to its youth. Summer apprenticeship programs, camps, youth meetings and even a service now and then conducted by the young people in a church, are challenging and stimulating to any church family.

To assist local churches in their efforts to expose their youth to missions, Baptist Mid-Missions has established several youth-oriented programs. There is the Volunteer Information Program (V.I.P.), a program providing information geared for young people through the program's news bulletin, VISION. Then there are two programs where young people can

actually go and work with missionaries on the field. The one for the high school student is the Sr-Hi Teens' Apprentice Missionary Program (S.T.A.M.P.) and the one for college-age students is the Missionary Apprenticeship Program (M.A.P.).

Allow me to share with you reports from three of the approximate 185 college students who worked with Baptist Mid-Missions' missionaries throughout the world this past summer.

Tom, who worked in Italy this summer with Rev. Fred Whitman, writes: "Fantastic program and I would endorse it wholeheartedly for prospective missionaries. Although I was handicapped because of the language, my field advisor assigned me duties that I could easily accomplish with visible progress. He made fantastic use of the six weeks and planned our program for maximum exposure. We had a very close relationship. My experience acquainted me with many difficulties I had not foreseen and gave me insight into courses to pursue and materials to acquire." In reporting about any spiritual and personal gain received, Tom wrote: "The greatest spiritual gain had to be a more vivid awareness of God's missions program and the lack of participation in it. I consider this awareness a gain because I can help alleviate part of the problem. Another gain would have to be more reliance upon the Lord rather than the arm of the flesh in meeting my needs. Phil. 4:19 has become a reality in my life. I look forward to more correspondence between your office and me in the next two years before my graduation. Thank you for helping make it a memorable summer."

A young lady, Cheryl, who worked with Doris Gilbert in France, wrote, "I truly owe you a great deal of thanks. First of all for accepting me and also for having such a program. The Lord gave me a good taste of missions so I would thirst for more. I truly loved my summer in Europe. Everywhere I went the Lord kept showing me souls that need my Savior. Everyone was so polite and kind in all of my correspondence, particularly Mr. Kendrick. I was impressed

Thankful For

'S.T.A.M.P.'

The following is a letter from high school student, Miss Janis Pierce who lives in Tacoma, Washington. Janis was one of many who participated in "S.T.A.M.P." (Sr-Hi Teens' Apprentice Missionary Program) in the first year of operation at Baptist Mid-Missions. Janis' field of service was in the Mormon ministry in Utah where Rev. Lloyd Larkin was her missionary leader. Rev. V. Ben Kendrick, Director of the S.T.A.M.P. and M.A.P. (Missionary Apprenticeship Program) programs informs us that such programs are perhaps the best source of missionary recruitment that exists today. Active participation in missions is exciting and challenging

with his long-distance phone call to me." As to her spiritual and personal gains, Cheryl wrote, "I saw how God does really answer prayer and provide our every need according to His perfect will. I also became even more thankful for our great land of America and the vast liberties we have. God is so good. I will praise the Lord over and over again the rest of my life for this summer and for using you and your M.A.P. program as an outlet for His vast blessings in my life."

A young man, Ron from North Carolina, writes, "This summer I experienced a closeness to the Lord that I never had before. The Lord used this summer to call me to a church-planting ministry in South Brazil. The value of the trip was priceless. I learned more about missions by spending this time with the Marvin Fray family than I could have ever learned in any classroom. The best way I could describe my experience as a M.A.P. worker is 'life changing'."

These represent just a sample of the hundreds of potential missionaries who are in contact with Baptist Mid-Missions through its youth outreach. They are the type of young people found in our churches who have something to offer -- not only in the future but during their days of preparation. Let us each take a new look at our youth and recognize what a tremendous potential they represent for Christ.

to the special group of young people.

"Dear Sirs: I would like to thank Baptist Mid-Missions, Mrs. Frcho, Mr. Kendrick and everyone who has made S.T.A.M.P. possible. I could never really express how much this summer has meant to me because of it! I don't know of any other mission board that has extended a M.A.P. program to those in Sr. High. May the Lord richly bless you for starting such a program! It has changed my values in my life and soul winning has become more precious because of participating in S.T.A.M.P. this summer. I know the two other Sr. Highers from my team, and others, share my feeling of thankfulness. Thank you -- God bless you all! In Christ, Janis Pierce"

Only His Best

"It is said that a committee once called on Enrico Caruso, then at the zenith of his operatic fame, to ask if he would sing at a concert for the benefit of the soldiers. The chairman of the committee hurriedly said, 'Of course, as this is a charity affair, we would not expect you to do your best. Your name will draw the crowd and you can merely sing some song requiring little of strength or skill.' Caruso is said to have drawn himself to full height as he said, 'Caruso never does less than his best.' There are altogether too many Christians entirely willing to give God less than their best. Fag ends of time and the dregs of the purse are sufficient for Him, they think. What an awakening at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

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Rev. and Mrs. Meade Armstrong

Rev. and Mrs. Meade Armstrong are looking to the Lord to make their proposed trip to Australia a reality. At present writing, their monthly support stands at 42%. Their other needs, such as passage, equipment and the like, at 67.9%. They still have a bit more to realize. They would like to be on their way by January 9 or 10. They need your prayers.

"The Armstrongs" have been invited to Australia, by the ABWE missionaries there, to take part in their Bible Institute program. This is the Spurgeon Baptist Bible Institute of Australia. Brother Armstrong is an excellent Bible teacher with years of experience both at Baptist Bible College (now in Clarks Summit, Pa.) and at Cedarville College. His ministry in Australia would be of inestimable value to the school there.

These dear folk have travelled over 10,000 miles endeavoring to raise the needed money for their support, passage and equipment. Once in the work in Australia, they plan on remaining there for two years at least and possibly even longer than that. Pastors interested in having Brother Armstrong in their churches to present the Lord's leading in their lives may contact them by writing -- Rev. and Mrs. Meade Armstrong, 7873 Old Clifton Road, Route #4, Springfield, Ohio - 45502.

Christian Education Conference At Dayton Church

In our OCTOBER issue we ran word concerning the Christian Education Conference to be held in the Washington Heights Baptist Church, 5650 Far Hills Avenue in Dayton, Ohio. The conference begins Friday evening, November 12 with registration (a fee of \$2.50 per person) at 6:30 p.m. The opening session is at 7:00 p.m. The conference will close with the last session at 2:30 p.m. on November 13th.

Rev. Marvin Kanengieter, formerly Vice President of Baptist Publications, an able, experienced Christian education man, will be the main speaker. Workshops will be held on Ministry of Music in Christian Education (Mr. Lyle Anderson), Teaching Beginners

Baptist Bible College Clarks Summit, Pa.

Prospective Student Weekend

In spite of the downpour of rain that hit our area October 8 and 9, more than five hundred young people came with their parents, pastors, and youth leaders to participate in the activities of Prospective Student Weekend on the campus of Baptist Bible College of Pennsylvania. Those who arrived early had the advantage of seeing some of the flaming foliage on their way into the Scranton-Clarks Summit area.

The Associated Student Body plans to host Parents' Day for the first time this year on October 16th. Parents of students were invited to come to campus to see what BBC life is really like. They will have the opportunity to meet dorm friends, classmates, faculty members, and others on campus who share in the education of their children. They will attend a chapel service and classes as well as the presentation of the multimedia program on our school.

In the fall registration figures released by the Registrar's Office at BBC there were 54 students from Ohio and seven BBST students.

Fall chapels this year include Dr. James Grier ('57 BBS grad), Cedarville College Professor and Dr. David Moore ('56), Cedar Hill Baptist Church, Cleveland.

Fall Artist Series

The Church Music Department is sponsoring its fall Artist Series November 5th in the Student Center at Baptist Bible College of Pennsylvania. Guest artist is Mr. Robert Nagel, concert trumpeter, who is a frequent guest soloist with top orchestras and bands in

the States and in Europe. He is the co-founder of the International Trumpet Guild and the founder and director of the New York Brass Quintet. Mr. Nagel serves on the teaching faculty at Yale University, Hartt College of Music, New England Conservatory and New College Music Festival in Sarasota, Florida.

The guest musician's program will include selections from J.S. Bach, Corelli, St. Saens, Haydn and Rossini. The concluding section is devoted to Christian hymns with pre-recorded accompaniment.

Assisting Mr. Nagel in his concert will be Mr. William McDonald, pianist, and a member of the BBC music faculty. The concert is scheduled for Friday evening at 8 p.m.

Saturday morning at 10 a.m. Mr. Nagel will conduct a brass workshop for soloists and ensembles.

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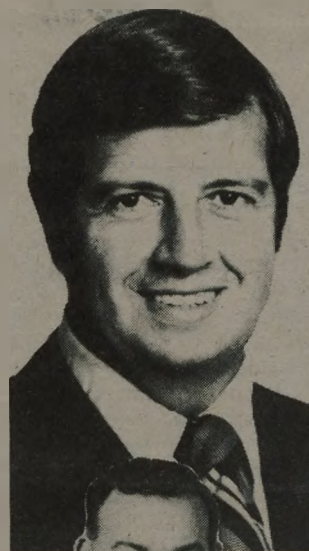
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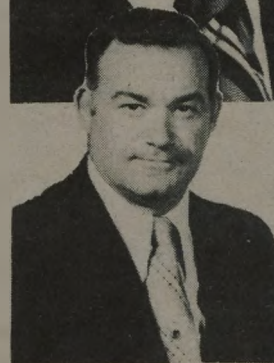
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Dr. Joseph M. Stowell, National Representative of our General Association of Regular Baptist Churches will be ministering at the Graham Road Baptist Church, Cuyahoga Falls on Sunday, November 28th.

Dr. William E. Kuhnle, Assistant to the National Representative will be ministering in the Grace Baptist Church of Lima - November 21-23 and at the Missionary Baptist Church, Pandora, Ohio - November 25-28.

(Mrs. Sue Walters), Teaching Juniors (Mrs. Linda Thomas), Teaching Teens (Mr. Lennie Miller), Publicity and Promotion (Marvin Kanengieter), Effective Use of Visuals (Pastor Larry Ferzer), V.B.S. Organization and Administration (Don Leach), Solving Discipline Problems (Dr. and Mrs. Paul Entner), Teaching Adults (Sherm Bowser) and many others.

The Conference Director is Brother Jim Neely, Assistant Pastor of the Washington Heights Baptist Church. Any and all involved in the work of a local church are urged to attend. The speakers are excellent and the workshops will prove to be most informative.

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